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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM (SROP)

REFS: A. DELHI 16636, B. STATE 301061.

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OBSERVATORIES, Y.P. RAO, HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR THAT THE INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT HAS INITIATED GOI APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SECOND SRO STATION AT DELHI. THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE GOI APPROVED EARLIER FOR THE SRO STATION AT SHILLONG. IN FACT, THE PRESENT PROPOSAL INCLUDES A BACKUP MATERIAL THE RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS GOI MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADVANCED SRO SYSTEM IN SHILLONG.

2. RAO SEES NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOI APPROVAL FOR THE DELHI STATION, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SIMILAR STATION AT SHILLONG. HE EXPECTS A DECISION BY THE END OF JANUARY. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE NO MORE DEFINITIVE STATEMENT REGARDING APPROVAL THAN THIS.

3. RAO SAYS THAT A SECOND SRO STATION AT DELHI IS MOST DESIRABLE FROM HIS DEPARTMENT'S VIEWPOINT.

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